



# Gascoyne Country Zone

## Minutes

10:00am

Friday, 24 June 2022

**Meeting hosted by  
Shire of Shark Bay**

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61-63 Knight Terrace, Denham

Commenced at 10:00am, Friday, 24 June 2022

## Minutes

### ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon	President Eddie Smith David Nielsen, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services, non-voting delegate
Shire of Exmouth	Cr Jackie Brooks (Deputy) by TEAMS Ben Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	Cr Hamish McTaggart John McCleary, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Shark Bay	President Cr Cheryl Cowell - <b>Chair</b> Dale Chapman, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
WALGA	Mark Bondiotti, Policy Manager Transport and Roads

### GUESTS

Gascoyne Development Commission	Tym Duncanson, Chief Executive Officer Kate Boston, Regional Development Officer
Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne	Mark Holdsworth, Executive Officer
Main Roads	Andrea Pitcher, A/Asset Management Officer Gaffney Murray, Operations Manager (Carnarvon) Janet Hartle-West, Regional Manager Kevin Pethick
Roadwise	Samantha Adams, Road Safety Officer – Mid-West

### GUEST SPEAKER

Nil

### APOLOGIES

Shire of Upper Gascoyne	President Cr Don Hammarquist OAM,
Shire of Carnarvon	Andrea Selvey, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Angele Gray, Regional Manager Mid-West Gascoyne

## **Attachments**

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes – 22 April 2022 Meeting
2. President's Report

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### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **3. DEPUTATIONS**

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Nil.

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### **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **5.1 Minutes of the 22 April 2022 via Teams**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Eddie Smith  
**Seconded:** Cr Hamish McTaggart

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone held on 22 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

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#### **5.2 Business Arising**

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## **6. ZONE BUSINESS**

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### **6.1 Solar Eclipse 20 April 2023**

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*Shire of Exmouth*

Update provided by Ben Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Exmouth

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### **6.2 Intensive Family Community Intervention**

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*By the Shire of Carnarvon*

#### **BACKGROUND**

Like many other regional communities across the state, Carnarvon is currently under siege by a rapid rise in youth crime, violence, and antisocial behaviour in and around the town. The safety and wellbeing of the whole community is being compromised by daily acts of threatening, violent and antisocial behaviour, theft, property damage, and vandalism being committed by a cohort of unruly at-risk youth, some 8 years old and younger.

Many residents, especially vulnerable people, and businesses in the community are exhausted and frustrated, with the lack of law and order, intervention, accountability, and justice. As the Local Government Authority, the Shire is under extreme scrutiny and pressure to act on behalf of local residents to address youth crime and antisocial behaviour in the community.

The Shire has engaged with stakeholders from the local community as well as State Government agencies to develop and implement place-based solutions where possible. The Shire also participates as a stakeholder in the Carnarvon District Leadership Group and has supported the efforts led by the Department of Communities to extend the trial of the T120 program in Carnarvon. However, the limited resourcing and satellite service delivery of this program out of Geraldton is already presenting with gaps and flaws in its effectiveness and capacity to maximise impact and change with local families in crisis.

Escalating incidents of violence and break-ins committed by at-risk youth in Carnarvon have led the Shire to host crisis response meetings with key community representatives to discuss and develop a local intervention strategy to address youth crime and antisocial behaviour. The discussions and outcomes from this meeting have informed the development of the Intensive Family & Community Intervention (IFCI) which incorporates and integrates an Intensive Family Intervention Task Force, and an Intensive Family Intervention Support Program.

This item seeks WALGA's formal consideration of an Intensive Family Intervention Support Program (IFCI). The officer's recommendation is that the IFCI is endorsed by Council. Should it be endorsed, the IFCI will be used to guide decisions about Shire investment and activities and to advocate for other tiers of government

The Shire has engaged with key stakeholders and community leaders on the issues and potential solutions over many months. There has been dialogue with the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation, the Local Member, Aboriginal Community Leaders, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Carnarvon Community College.

Implementation of the IFCI will be resource-intensive; however, there are already considerable resources spent on youth and family dysfunction, crime and social issues. The intent is to advocate for the State Government to reallocate some of those resources to fund the IFCI.

## SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Based on the information provided the approach the Shire of Carnarvon is pursuing is sound and grounded in an evidence base of effective 'youth at risk' interventions. There is strong engagement with key stakeholders and genuine commitment to work in partnership with local Aboriginal community leaders and organisations. The Intensive Family Intervention Support Program (IFCI) is a specialist service incorporating a wholistic approach involving coordinated intensive case management support for the young people and their families.

The Shire's role in this framework should be to support and assist in facilitating local responses through investment in strategic partnerships, rather than involvement in direct service delivery. The role of the Shire in the framework should be promoted to residents along with a balanced campaign celebrating the contributions and achievements of young people and generating youth-led initiatives in visible locations within the Shire.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Hamish McTaggart  
**Seconded:** President Cr Cheryl Cowell

**That the Gascoyne Country Zone seeks WALGA's support to advocate to the State Government to allocate funds and/or resources to fund and implement the Intensive Family Community Intervention in Carnarvon and other communities impacted by youth crime and social issues and support fundamental change to policy position to ensure it can be implemented.**

**CARRIED**

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### 6.3 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Update

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services and Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance*

#### BACKGROUND

WALGA has embarked on a significant project to review WALGA's governance model to ensure the organisation is governed by a contemporary, sound, and agile governance model that:

- Facilitates meaningful engagement with Local Government members,
- Enhances WALGA's legitimacy among members and stakeholders, and
- Enables sound and focused decision making to guide advocacy, policy, and service delivery.

WALGA's [Corporate Strategy 2020-25](#) identifies "contemporary governance and engagement models" as a key strategic priority leading to State Council's commissioning of the Best Practice Governance Review project.

A further goal of the project is to fundamentally review, and subsequently amend, WALGA's governance documentation – Constitution, Corporate Governance Charter, State Council Code of Conduct, and Standing Orders – to ensure consistency and alignment.

To oversee the project, State Council appointed a Steering Committee with the following membership:

President Cr Karen Chappel JP	WALGA President (Chair)
Cr Paul Kelly	WALGA Deputy President
President Cr Phil Blight	Country State Councillor
Mayor Carol Adams OAM	Metropolitan State Councillor
President Cr David Menzel	Country Elected Member
Mayor Albert Jacob	Metropolitan Elected Member
Andrew Sharpe	Country Chief Executive Officer

Senior WALGA staff are providing executive support and PwC has been appointed to facilitate meetings of the Steering Committee and to produce an Options Paper and a Final Report.

The Steering Committee has met twice. At the first meeting, held on 5 May 2022, the Committee:

- Adopted Terms of Reference
- Reviewed the Project Plan
- Considered existing governance documentation
- Discussed the project methodology, and
- Agreed five comparator organisations whose governance models would be reviewed:
  - i. Australian Hotels Association (AHA)
  - ii. Australian Medical Association (AMA)
  - iii. Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA)
  - iv. Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME), and
  - v. Pharmacy Guild of WA

The comparator organisations were selected for their similarity to WALGA as membership organisations (with organisations as members) and their perceived effectiveness as advocacy peak bodies.

At the Steering Committee's second meeting, held on 8 June 2022, the Committee reviewed the governance models of comparator organisations presented by PwC and identified initial performance assessment criteria that will guide the evaluation of alternative governance model options.

The Steering Committee will be meeting again in late June to consider an Options Paper which will present alternative governance model options. The Options paper will be presented to State Council at the 6 July Strategic Forum. Member feedback will then be sought on the Options Paper during July and August.

Following member feedback, the Steering Committee will direct the development of an agenda item outlining high level principles and non-negotiables of a future governance model for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. This agenda item and debate will gauge members' views on the direction of the project.

The final report due to be completed by mid-October 2022 will be the subject of further consultation with members, including through a full round of Zone meetings in November in the lead-up to the December State Council meeting.

Substantive structural changes to WALGA's governance model will require amendments to the Constitution, which must be approved by a special (75 percent) majority at both a meeting of State Council and an Annual General Meeting. As such, any proposed changes will need to have strong support of members for Constitutional change to be ratified. The aim of the project is to put forward constitutional amendments to members at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

## **COMMENT**

The Best Practice Governance Review Project represents a significant opportunity to improve WALGA's governance model to improve decision making effectiveness while ensuring meaningful member representation and participation.

Past reviews since the formation of WALGA as the single Local Government sector peak body over 20 years ago have led to significant process and other improvements while the structure and composition of State Council has remained broadly unchanged. WALGA receives mixed feedback on its governance model through member surveys and other mechanisms suggesting there is room for improvement.

Any future governance model will need to balance member representation and participation in decision making processes with efficiency and strategic focus. The forthcoming Options Paper will present potential options that aim to balance competing objectives identified by the Steering Committee.

Member engagement and consultation will be crucial to the success of the project and very high levels of member support will be required for constitutional amendments to be ratified, as outlined above. Consequently, members should anticipate opportunities to contribute to the project and provide insight in relation to options put forward over coming months.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Hamish McTaggart  
**Seconded:** President Cr Cheryl Cowell

**That the update on the WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Project be noted.**

**CARRIED**

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### 6.4 Proposed Advocacy Position for Management of Bushfire Brigades Discussion Paper

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*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager Resilient Communities*

#### BACKGROUND

WALGA is seeking the views of the sector on a new Advocacy Position on the management of Bushfire Brigades, as per the Discussion Paper, [Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades: Proposed Advocacy Position](#).

Western Australian Local Governments have extensive roles and responsibilities prescribed in the State Emergency Management Framework (State Framework) across the emergency management activities of prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. Relevantly, pursuant to the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, Local Governments have responsibility for bushfire and the management of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades (BFBs).

The Paper proposes a new Advocacy Position on the management of BFBs to guide the Association's emergency management advocacy on behalf of Local Government, and in particular its engagement with the State Government on the development of the Consolidated Emergency Services Act which is expected to be released for stakeholder consultation in early 2023.

Four options are identified for the future management of BFBs:

1. Status quo – continue with the current arrangements for management of BFBs whereby the majority are managed by Local Government and transfer arrangements are negotiated on an ad hoc basis between DFES and Local Governments (or their BFBs).
2. Improvements – continue with the current arrangements for Local Government management of BFBs with additional support provided by the State Government with respect to increased funding and better access to training resources and other support.
3. Hybrid Model – Local Government continues to manage BFBs where they have the capacity, capability and resources to do so; however where they do not have the capacity, capability and resources, responsibility for management of BFBs is transferred to DFES.
4. Transfer – Responsibility for management of all BFBs is transferred to the State Government, consistent with the arrangements in other States and Territories.

## COMMENT

Based on the feedback received from Local Governments in the WALGA Emergency Management Survey and the other considerations outlined in the paper, it is considered appropriate for the Association to support a hybrid model for the management of BFBs.

A hybrid model would enable the continued management of BFBs by those Local Governments with capacity, capability and resources to do so, while providing a framework for the transfer of the management of BFBs to the State Government where a Local Government does not.

Whatever the arrangements for future management of BFBs, it is apparent that Local Governments with responsibility for management of BFBs require additional support and resourcing which should be provided by the State Government, including:

- Development of a suite of guidelines and resources to assist Local Governments in their management of BFBs, particularly with respect to the discharge of obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2021*;
- Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program (CESM) so that every Local Government with responsibility for managing BFBs has access to the Program if they wish to participate;
- Universal access to DFES training for BFBs; and
- Development of mandatory and minimum training requirements including recognition of competency for volunteers.

Local Governments are encouraged to provide a written response to this Paper or to complete the survey. Formal Council resolutions will assist the Association understand the sentiment of the sector on this important issue.

Questions are provided at the end of the Paper to guide feedback.

Feedback should be provided in response to the questions via email to [em@walga.asn.au](mailto:em@walga.asn.au) by 5pm Friday 8 July 2022.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Hamish McTaggart  
**Seconded:** President Eddie Smith

**That the Gascoyne Country Zone support the “Hybrid Model” for the Management of Bushfire Brigades**

**CARRIED**

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### 6.5 Zone Attendance Protocols – Online Attendance

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*By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer*

#### BACKGROUND

As a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at meetings and forums via video conference has been widely adopted as a standard practice and is, in many cases, an expectation of attendees.

While Zone meetings have historically been conducted in-person, there have been occasions when Zone meetings have been held as a fully virtual meeting due to Covid restrictions or Covid risk.

Recently, as the technical capacity to host virtual meetings (with a mix of in-person and online attendance) has developed, there has been an increase in requests from Zone Delegates to attend otherwise in-person Zone meetings via a video-conferencing platform.



The WALGA secretariat is seeking Zone guidance on this matter to put in place Zone protocols going forward.

## **COMMENT**

There are several considerations regarding the suitability of hybrid meetings.

Firstly, there is an argument that in-person Zone meetings are preferable, as has been past practice, as in-person meetings (including sharing a meal and refreshments) facilitate relationship building, information sharing, networking opportunities and engagement between member Local Governments and between Local Governments and the WALGA secretariat including office bearers and senior staff.

Secondly, while there may be circumstances that prevent a Council Delegate from attending in-person, each Council has one or more Deputy Delegates who may be available to attend in-person and contribute to the meeting. For instance, it is unclear which is preferable: in-person attendance by a Deputy Delegate or online attendance by a Delegate.

Thirdly, from a meeting management perspective, there are challenges for the chairperson facilitating participation and managing a hybrid meeting, particularly given the chair may not be familiar with the technical arrangements at the host Local Government for any given meeting.

Fourthly, there are technical considerations for the host Local Government. While many Local Governments now have suitable facilities, it would be expected that the host Local Government would provide the necessary technical support (potentially outside of business hours) to ensure the meeting can transpire smoothly.

Finally, the Zone's direction in relation to guest speakers is also sought. From the secretariat's point of view, in-person attendance by guest speakers is preferable, however there may be instances when a guest speaker is unable to attend in-person but is able to attend virtually.

From the perspective of the secretariat, there are significant benefits to continue holding Zone meetings primarily in-person – relationship building, information sharing and engagement – and there are technical and meeting management challenges associated with hybrid meetings.

On balance, it is recommended that, restrictions notwithstanding, Zone meetings continue to be held primarily in-person.

Accordingly, and given Councils appoint Deputy Delegates to ensure representation when a Delegate is unable to attend, it is recommended that preference is given to Deputy Delegate attendance in-person ahead of online Delegate attendance and the hybridisation of the meeting. If Deputy Delegate attendance is not possible, the secretariat will liaise with the host Local Government to facilitate online attendance.

If Zone meetings are to be held in a hybrid format, the secretariat will liaise with the host Local Government to check whether a hybrid meeting can be facilitated, to ensure technical setup is undertaken and to confirm technical support will be provided.

It is also recommended that the secretariat continue to liaise with the Zone Chair in relation to guest speakers, as is current practice.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Eddie Smith  
**Seconded:** Cr Hamish McTaggart

**That the Zone adopt the following protocols:**

- 1. That, Covid-19 or other restrictions notwithstanding, Zone meetings continue to be held primarily in-person;**
- 2. That, given Zone meetings are to be held primarily in-person:**
  - a. first preference will be for in-person Deputy Delegate attendance, before online attendance of Delegates is considered, and**
  - b. If Deputy Delegates are unable to attend in-person, the secretariat will liaise with the host Local Government with the aim of facilitating online attendance in a hybrid meeting format;**
- 3. That, if Zone meetings are to be held in a hybrid format, the host Local Government will provide technical setup and support in liaison with the WALGA secretariat; and,**
- 4. That the WALGA secretariat liaise with the Zone Chair in relation to attendance and arrangements for guest speakers, and if online attendance of a guest speaker is to be facilitated, the secretariat will liaise with the host Local Government to make the necessary arrangements.**

**CARRIED**

## 6.6 Zone Status Report – June 2022

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Gascoyne C	2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Issues with the DRFAWA Claims and Approvals Process	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.	Data has been collected from a sample of Councils that have recently suffered declared disasters and is being analyzed to inform engagement with DFES.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition	That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to: 1. Advocate for thorough consultation with the Local Government sector regarding alternative approaches to the CA07 operating condition; and, 2. Establish a Working Group consisting of representatives from MRWA, WALGA, LGIS, DoT and the Local Government sector incorporating at least one member from each affected WALGA Zone to consider alternative approaches.	The RAV Access working group met by teleconference in early December. Based on the resolution of this meeting a letter detailing Local Government expectations was sent to Main Roads WA.  The Association discussed this matter with Main Roads WA in November 2020. They are engaging with the State Solicitors Office prior to a proposed consultation with Local Government concerning a proposed approach.  WALGA has subsequently met with Main Roads who confirm that the status quo remains until further notice.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2021 25 June Zone Agenda Item 8.1 Road Closures	That WALGA be tasked to compile a guidance note on the drafting of a local law to apply fines to drivers ignoring road closure signage and on the use of the Traffic Administration Act to recover compensation for road damage.	The Infrastructure Policy Team discussed feedback received from Zones concerning regulation of drivers choosing to drive on closed roads and resolved:  1. The key legislative / regulatory requirements appear to be in place; 2. Vehicles being driven on closed roads occurs in other remote Local Government areas, although the situations are different around the State; 3. In the absence of identified technology solutions an initial approach be made by WALGA to ARRB and PATREC to determine if research centres are interested in developing a research project.	June 2022	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031

### RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Hamish McTaggart**  
Seconded: **President Eddie Smith**

**That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.**

**CARRIED**

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## **7. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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***(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)***

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The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 6 July 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **5.1 Review of advocacy positions relating to Emergency Management**

That State Council:

1. Endorse the removal of the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions
  - 8.1 Community Resilience
  - 8.2 Disaster Mitigation
  - 8.3 Emergency Services Levy
2. Endorse the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions:
  - 8.1 Emergency Management Principles
  - 8.2 State Emergency Management Framework
  - 8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management
  - 8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act
  - 8.5 Resource Sharing
  - 8.6 Lessons Learnt Management
  - 8.7 Emergency Services Levy
  - 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS)

#### **5.2 New Emergency Management Advocacy Position – Community Emergency Service Manager Program**

That the following WALGA Advocacy Position relating to the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program be endorsed:

- 8.9 Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program

That the Association advocates for an expansion of the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program, as follows:

1. All Local Governments should have the option of participating in the CESM Program.
2. The full cost of the CESM Program should be funded through the Emergency Services Levy.

#### **5.3 Draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 and Updated Advocacy Position**

That:

1. the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be endorsed.
2. WALGA's existing Advocacy Position on Public Libraries be deleted and replaced as follows:

##### **3.8 *Public Libraries***

1. Western Australian Local Government public libraries provide valuable local cultural infrastructure, creating social and community hubs for community capacity building, recreation, education and literacy, digital inclusion, and social connection, cohesion and inclusion.

2. WALGA supports the provision of Public Library services in Western Australia through a formal partnership between Local Government and the State Government of Western Australia, governed by the Library Board Act 1951, namely the State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia (2020).
3. The WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 provides a framework for a shared vision, strategic direction and collaborative action in the provision of a vibrant and sustainable 21st century public library network.
4. It is essential that a sustainable funding model enables Local Governments to continue to deliver library services to support continued growth and adaptation to changing community needs.

### **Matters for Noting**

- 6.1 2020/21 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project
- 6.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades
- 6.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase 1 Submission
- 6.4 Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission
- 6.5 Economic Development Research
- 6.6 Development of Child Safe Policy for Local Government
- 6.7 National Reconciliation Week Local Government Activation Program
- 6.8 WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027 – Draft for Comment
- 6.9 Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention
- 6.10 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Eddie Smith  
**Seconded:** Cr Hamish McTaggart

**That**

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the July 2022 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the July 2022 State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone**

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The State Councillor provided an update on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

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## **8.2 President's Report to the Zone**

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WALGA Representative, Mark Bondiotti, presented the President's Report.

**Noted**

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## **8.3 Gascoyne Development Commission**

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Chief Executive Officer, Tym Duncanson, provided an update to the Zone.

**Noted**

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### **8.3.1 Gascoyne Resources Workforce and Accommodation Working Group Update**

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Kate Boston, Regional Development Officer

The objective of the working group is to oversee the development and implementation of an action plan which seeks to maximise the number of resource sector and related industry employees living locally in the Gascoyne. The action plan should seek to maximise economic participation of local Aboriginal people in the sector. Areas of particular focus include:

- accommodation shortages
- workforce skills development
- participation of local Aboriginal people

The working group will also consider broader community livability aspects as they relate to the attraction and retention of workers to the region. (Childcare, law and order, cost of living, education, health).

Minutes and attachments from previous Working Group meeting were attached with the Agenda.

**Noted**

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## **8.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

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The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Angele Gray was an apology for this meeting.

**Noted**

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## **8.5 Roadwise Report**

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Samantha Adams, Road Safety Officer, Mid-West provided an update to the Zone.

**Noted**

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## **8.6 Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne**

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Mark Holdsworth, Executive Officer, RDA Mid-West Gascoyne, provided an update on Regional Roads.

**Noted**

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## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **9.1 Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

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*By the Shire of Upper Gascoyne*

Seeking Zone members thoughts on the opportunity to have a CPD Day for all Councillors from all over the region once per year.

Most Gascoyne Zone members have a policy, and if generic, it calls for each Elected Member to achieve 10 CPD hours every two years.

It would be a great way to build networks for the Elected Members and perhaps there may be scope to have some Ministerial Representation.

#### **For Discussion**

Delegates resolved that they would discuss this proposal further with their Councils.

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### **9.2 Management Orders on State owned land**

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*By the Shire of Carnarvon*

The Shire of Carnarvon expressed frustration around the limitations under management orders on State owned land that is being managed by Local Government, regarding the leasing of such land by the Local Government to other parties.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Hamish McTaggart  
**Seconded:** President Cr Cheryl Cowell

**That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend that WALGA in consultation with Zone delegates, advocate to the State Government for a review of the Management Orders pertaining to State Land that is managed by Local Government especially in relation to Local Government leasing such land to other parties.**

**CARRIED**

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### **9.3 Zone Meeting Dates – 2022**

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<b>Zone Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>10:00am, Friday 18 February</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Carnarvon</b>
10:00am, Friday 22 April	<i>Teleconference</i>	
<b>10:00am, Friday 24 June</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Shark Bay</b>
10:00am, Friday 19 August	<i>Teleconference</i>	
<b>10:00am, Friday 18 November</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Carnarvon</b>

*Secretariat Comment*

*It is proposed that the August and November meeting dates be updated to align with the WALGA State Council timeframes as per below.*

10:00am, Friday 26 August	<i>Teleconference</i>	
<b>10:00am, Friday 25 November</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Carnarvon</b>

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**10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Next meeting: 10:00am, Friday 26 August 2022, held via videoconference.

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**11. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.30 pm.